

RAILROAD RETURNS READY

State Board Will Commence Monday Fixing Valuation for Assessments.

CONDITION OF EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Payment of State Warrants Makes Heavy Increase in the Amount Which Remains Invested.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 1.—(Special.)—The State Board of Equalization will meet next Monday afternoon to begin the work of fixing the valuation of railroad, telegraph and telephone property for the purpose of taxation. Some headway may be made at this early meeting, but it is not likely that the task will be finished before May 15.

"All of the railroad, telegraph and telephone companies have reported on their property and we have their figures prepared in tabulated form for the consideration of the board," said Auditor Weston this afternoon. "The various companies have listed their property on prescribed schedules but only a few of them have submitted figures as to valuation. That is what the board must determine."

"Will the valuation of railroad property be raised?" "I cannot say anything as to that. We intend to consider the matter thoroughly, but further than that I have nothing to say."

The Board of Equalization is comprised of Governor Savage, Auditor Weston and Treasurer Steuffer.

Condition of School Fund.

The monthly statement of Auditor Weston shows that the uninvested portion of the permanent educational funds increased during April from \$131,000 to approximately \$255,000. This change in the condition of the funds was due to the extremely heavy disbursements from the general and current funds, upwards of \$200,000 being paid on warrants during the month.

As this amount is made up of warrants held by the permanent educational funds, Treasurer Steuffer has made no statement for the last month, but may do so within the next few days. Auditor Weston's showing follows:

Table with 3 columns: Fund, On Hand, On Order. Rows include Permanent school, Temporary school, Permanent university, Agricultural college, etc.

Brief in Miles Will Case.

An extensive brief and argument in behalf of the appellants, Joseph Williams and others, in the Miles will case, was filed in the supreme court today. The brief stands before the supreme court as an appeal from a proceeding to set aside the probate of what is known as the Rulo will. Stephen B. Miles, whose estate is involved in the legal battle, died at Falls City in 1898, leaving property of an estimated valuation of more than \$1,000,000.

J. STERLING MORTON'S WILL

Estate of One Hundred Thousand, Minus Sister's Annuity, Left Equally to Four Sons.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The will of the late J. Sterling Morton was opened today at the county court in the presence of the heirs and their representatives. The estate is estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The will provides for an annuity to be paid to Miss Emma Morton, the sister of the deceased, during the balance of her life. The estate is then divided into four equal parts, one part each for his sons or their heirs by representation.

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Child Drowns in Water Jar.

NORFOLK, Neb., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Wheeler, during the absence of the mother from the house, fell into a five-gallon jar of water, and when the mother returned to the house all signs of life were extinct and all efforts to restore the child proved unavailing.

thirty miles from the scene of the killing. The way he kept a sharp lookout for impromptu lynch parties. Hill will be tried in Valley county, where the shooting occurred. Smith failed to throw any additional light on the identity of the dead horse thief. It was rumored today that the crew of Burlington train No. 13, which was robbed some time ago, would be in the city to look at the corpse, but the local officers have heard nothing from them.

New Corporations.

Articles of incorporation of these institutions have been recorded in the secretary of state's office: The Gage County Telephone company, Blue Springs; capital stock, \$5,000; incorporators, A. R. Morris, W. C. Heaston, E. E. Rice, F. W. Mattoon, James H. Casbeer, H. H. Harner and S. C. Van Ripper. The Great Nebraska Land and Investment company, Mason City; capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, P. H. Marley, J. J. Marley and R. B. Walker.

The Franklin Telephone company, Franklin; capital stock, \$5,000; incorporators, E. Garratt, James Morrow, W. H. Austin and C. L. Owsen.

The Alfred Bloom company, Omaha; incorporators, Alfred Bloom, F. H. Weirick, N. P. Swanson, P. V. Flodman and John Laf; articles amended.

No trace has yet been found of the wife of Bruno Hermann, the German newspaper man who died Tuesday as the result of an overdose of sulphonal. A cousin and an uncle of the deceased have been located in New York and they have asked that arrangements be made to have the funeral and burial in this city.

At the mass meeting of republicans in the court house tonight the proposition to endorse the nomination of the direct primary system throughout the county was overwhelmingly defeated. The system is the same as that used by the republicans in nominating candidates for municipal offices in this city. Of upward of 175 persons who attended only thirty-nine voted for the extension of the system. George A. Adams presided. Judge E. P. Holmes was defeated for the chairmanship.

Miss Caroline Meyer of Aurora, Ill., who has been a member of the clerical force in the executive department since the last republican inauguration, has accepted a position on the staff of Senator Dietrich and will leave for Washington Sunday afternoon.

MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED

Woman Receives Injuries While Rescuing Infant from Burning Barn in Nebraska City.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—This afternoon a number of children playing in a barn in the rear of Grant Yates' residence on South Eighth street set fire to a pile of hay and after seeing the flames leap up to the loft and get beyond their control they ran away, leaving a 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. Yates sitting in the building.

The fire had made considerable headway before the child's mother discovered its whereabouts and rushed to the rescue. She managed to get her baby out, but not before it was frightfully burned about the head, arms and legs.

Two doctors were immediately summoned and worked with it for several hours. It is feared that the child cannot recover. Mrs. Yates was badly burned in the rescue of the little one. The building was a total loss.

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BARGAIN FRIDAY AT BENNETT'S

Stationery Dept. Main Floor. 25 extra fine white wove Envelopes, special at 2c. 120 sheets Commercial Note Paper, extra good quality—special at 10c. Box Note Paper with envelopes to match—A Regular 10c bargain—special at, per box—5c.

Our efforts to make Friday an extreme bargain day that will captivate and hold week-end shoppers will reach the grand climax today. Throughout the entire store from basement to ceiling the order of the day will be Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! Every price will represent goods of standard excellence. Every judge of quality and every lover of low prices will lose much by not attending this transcendent sale day. Today as at every other time quality will be self-evident and our out and out bargain prices the only compulsion to buy.

Our Art Souvenirs. We are in excellent shape for handling callers for our art souvenirs. The work of classifying names is finished. Call between 5 and 12, and 1 and 4, you'll get the souvenir and a portfolio of Paris Exposition photographs for your trouble.

Dress Goods and Silk Department Main Floor.

Bargain Friday brings our circles and tables into prominent relief. There are many of them and every one carries as heavy a burden of dependable goods at out-and-out bargain prices as it can bear. Walk through this attractive section. Inspect the goods. They are there for inspection. observe the handsome texture and designs of the fabrics and see how utterly way down they are in prices.

A GREAT BARGAIN FRIDAY IN THE BASEMENT

Our Basement is a SPOTLESSLY CLEAN, TRIGLY KEPT, PERFECTLY ARRANGED BEE HIVE OF ACTIVITY. Almost one-third of it, amounting to 15,000 square feet, is occupied by the most modern complete Hardware Department in the west. Everything that could possibly come under the heading HARDWARE you will find here in superabundance.

Hardware Bargains. Lawn Mowers—the famed Norka—if you have a lawn we have the best Lawn Mower you ever could apply to. \$2.25. Dog Muzzles—the law demands one and your poochie deserves a good one—10c. Pocket Knives—25c knife for 13c. Pocket Knife for 28c. Paint Brushes—Friday bargain article—any price you care for—every brush astonishingly cheap.

Friday Meat Bargains. The most popular meat market in Omaha is Bennett's. It is occupied by the most modern complete Hardware Department in the west. Everything that could possibly come under the heading HARDWARE you will find here in superabundance.

Grocery Section. Look at these quality bargain Grocery prices. Don't miss today. It means table treats and money-saving delight.

3c Quart. FRESH ROASTED PEANUTS. 3c Quart.

Good Santa Clara Prunes—5c per quart. Fancy California Peaches—10c per quart. Swedish Brown Beans—6c per quart. Macaroni—10c per quart.

Bennett's Capito Cocoa—24c per quart. High grade Salmon—15c per quart. Early June Peas—10c per quart. Sapollo—8c per quart. Standard Tomatoes—11c per quart. Capito Oats—9c per quart. Imported Sardines—10c per quart.

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TROUBLE ARISES OVER LAND DISPUTE

Three Sweeney Brothers Attack C. L. Harum, Who Narrowly Escapes Death, and Wife Bitten and Beaten While Aiding Him.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—A murderous assault was committed on C. L. Harum and his wife on Tuesday morning near their farm, about thirteen miles south of here, by James, John and Harry Sweeney.

The trouble arose in a dispute over some land and James Sweeney struck Harum on the head with his fist. Harum returned the blow and knocked Sweeney down. At this juncture the other two Sweeneys took a hand in the fracas. Harry Sweeney struck Harum over the eye with a heavy quirt and stunned him.

In the meantime James Sweeney had gotten hold of Harum's shotgun and was struggling with Mrs. Harum, who had come to her husband's assistance, to get possession of the weapon, biting her arm and pounding her with the butt of the gun.

Just as the weapon exploded Mrs. Harum pulled the stock around and the charge grazed her husband's hand instead of entering his head, as would have been the case had she been slower in the move.

Harum then struggled to his house and Jim Sweeney shot him with a 25-caliber rifle, but the bullet went wide of the mark. Harum procured his rifle and coming out with the gun, he shot and killed a horse in front of which James Sweeney was standing. This ended the affray, as the Sweeneys took flight.

The parties were tried Thursday before Judge Edmunds. Harum was cut upon the forehead and left cheek and had his eye blackened. Mrs. Harum displayed a severely bruised pair of arms, one of which had been bitten.

The court fined James Sweeney \$75 and costs for his assault on Harum, \$50 and costs for his attack on Mrs. Harum, and Harry Sweeney were each fined \$25 and costs.

Pays Bounty on Eighteen Scamps. BEATRICE, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—The bounty on eighteen scamps was paid today at the courthouse by County Clerk Plasters. Nine of the eighteen were coyotes and the others gray wolves. The animals were captured by C. H. Pfeiffer of Clatonia township, and Clarence and Arthur LaSore of Riverside. The bounty paid was \$25.50.

Schuyler Council Organized. SCHUYLER, Neb., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—New city officers, M. M. Huck, mayor, F. H. Svoboda, clerk, and W. A.

Rathack, treasurer—assumed their duties last night and as he went to mount his pony the saddle turned and he was dragged a considerable distance. About night the pony was seen by some of the family wandering about, and search for the old man resulted in his having been found where he had lain for several hours.

Wants Nine Thousand for Broken Leg. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—Charles F. Wheeler has brought suit in district court against Ed Donat, Henry J. Jess, the American Bonding and Trust company of Baltimore, Claus Speck, Ben Beckman, J. R. Barstow and N. C. Hallin to collect \$9,000. He alleges that he was sold liquor and became intoxicated in the saloon of Donat and upon leaving the place he was attacked by George Pottal, Jr., and others, who were also intoxicated.

During the fracas his leg was fractured and for damages he claims several thousand dollars. He asks to be given judgment for the amount.

Bitter Saloon Fight at Benedict. BENEDECIT, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—The churches here in Benedict have held several meetings and formed an organization to work against the granting of a license for a saloon in Benedict. One hundred and fifty dollars have already been raised by the church organizations to fight a saloon. Attorneys at York are employed and attorneys from other places have also been engaged.

Talking Up Frontier Day. CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 1.—(Special.)—Traveling Passenger Agent Angier of the Union Pacific at Denver has been in consultation with leading citizens here relative to the annual celebration of Frontier day. It seems to be the sentiment of the people that the celebration should be held and all are willing to support it.

Caused by Defective Switch. KAHOKA, Mo., May 1.—The verdict of the coroner's jury on the Santa Fe wreck at Camas, Mo., is as follows: We, the jury, find that the Santa Fe train No. 4, California limited, was wrecked at Camas, Mo., through a defective switch and a defective fireman.

The wrecking train has completed the work of putting the cars back on the track and trains are running as usual.

Two Convicted of Horsestealing. MEETEETSE, Wyo., May 1.—(Special.)—Judge Stotts held a session of the district court at Basin last week. George Carmichael was convicted of grand larceny and John Smith and Samuel A. May were convicted of horse stealing.

Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont Elected. NEW YORK, May 1.—At its annual meeting, held in this city, the Army Relief Society of the United States has elected Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont as its president for the ensuing year. Delegates came about thirty branch organizations throughout the country were present. During the last year the society has given assistance to 20 widows of soldiers of the regular army.

PROMISE OF THE WEATHER MAN

Fair and Cooler in Nebraska Friday with Fair and Warmer on Saturday.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Forecast: For Nebraska—Fair and cooler Friday; Saturday, fair and warmer; variable winds. For Iowa—Fairly cloudy Friday, showers in central and east portions; Saturday, fair; variable winds.

For Kansas—Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Friday and Saturday; variable winds. For South Dakota—Fair Friday and Saturday; winds becoming southerly.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 1.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation. Rows for 1902, 1901, 1900.

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1.

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Summary of April Weather. Notwithstanding the wide fluctuations of temperature during the month, the mean was 52 degrees above, which was the mean for 1876, 1880, 1882, last year and, indeed, the general mean for this month for thirty-two years past. The highest registered at Daytonport, cloudy, 82, on the 23rd and the lowest was 22 above, on the 7th, the greatest range being 23 degrees, on the 23rd. It was on the latter date, too, that the wind reached its maximum velocity of fifty-two miles an hour from the northwest. The total precipitation is given as eighty-five hundredths of an inch, which is the least recorded for April since 1880. The total snowfall was only a trace and the thunderstorms were those of the 23rd, 26th and 27th. The only frost was the killing one of April 2.

RUSSIAN PEASANTS REVOLT

Numerous Encounters Take Place Between the Workmen and the Troops.

CHATEAU OF DUKE ALEXANDER BURNED

Labor Population of Whole District Between Moscow and Vladimir in Open Rebellion.

ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday, April 29.—Duke Alexander of Oldenburg's celebrated chateau of Romane, in the government of Voronez, southern Russia, has been burned by revolting peasants, who practically ruined the estate.

The duke is the father-in-law of the czar's sister, Olga, who married his son, Duke Peter, last year.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 1.—A dispatch to the Politiken of this city from Russia (filed on the German frontier) announces that the labor population of the whole district between Moscow and Vladimir, central Russia, is in revolt.

There have been numerous encounters between the workmen and the troops and many persons have been killed or wounded. A Ulan regiment, commanded by Colonel Morosoff, refused to act against the workmen.

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It's from a citizen. You can readily investigate it. The more investigation, the more convincing the proof.

Mr. A. H. Weber of 1120 Martha street, shipping clerk at Hardy & Co.'s, says: "I was troubled with lame back for nearly two years. During the winter months, when I caught cold, it always settled in my back, particularly after stooping. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I went to Kuhn & Co.'s drug store and procured a box. I took them a few days, when I noticed the benefit. The pain in my back soon passed away and my general system was invigorated. I sold for 25 cents a box by all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute."